

State of Illinois  
Department of Transportation  
Bureau of Local Roads and Streets

SPECIAL PROVISION  
FOR  
COOPERATION WITH UTILITIES

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All references to Sections or Articles in this specification shall be construed to mean specific Section or Article of the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, adopted by the Department of Transportation.

When the plans or special provisions include information pertaining to the location of underground utility facilities, such information represents only the opinion of the Department as to the location of such utilities and is only included for the convenience of the bidder. The Department assumes no responsibility in respect to the sufficiency or the accuracy of the information shown on the plans relative to the location of the underground utility facilities. It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to determine the actual location of all such facilities. He shall also obtain from the respective utility companies detailed information relative to the location of their facilities and the working schedules of the utility companies for removing or adjusting them.

Revise Article 105.07 of the Standard Specifications to read:

**"105.07 Utility Facilities.** Utilities which are within the limits of the proposed construction are to be moved or removed at no cost to the Contractor except as otherwise provided for in the special provisions or as noted in the plans.

- (a) For the purpose of this Article, limits of proposed construction for utilities extending in the same longitudinal direction as the roadway, shall be defined as follows:
  - (1) The horizontal limits shall be a plane, outside of, parallel to, and 600 mm (2 ft) distant at right angles from the plan or revised slope limits and the slope limits extended vertically above the point of intersection of the slope limits and the original cross-section surface.

In cases where the limits of excavation for structures are not shown on the plans, the horizontal limits shall be a vertical plane 1.2 m (4 ft) outside the edges of structure footings or the structure where no footings are required.
  - (2) The upper vertical limits shall be the regulations governing the roadbed clearance for the specific utility involved.
  - (3) The lower vertical limits shall be the limits of excavation.
- (b) For the purpose of this Article, limits of proposed construction for utilities crossing the roadway in a generally transverse direction shall be defined as follows:

- (1) Utilities crossing excavations for structures that are normally made by trenching such as sewers, underdrains, etc., and all minor structures such as manholes, inlets, foundations for signs, foundations for traffic signals, etc., the limits shall be the space to be occupied by the proposed permanent construction unless otherwise required by the regulations governing the specific utility involved.
- (2) For utilities crossing the proposed site of major structures such as bridges, sign trusses, etc., the limits shall be as defined above for utilities extending in the same general longitudinal direction as the roadway.

All reasonable adjustments, as determined by the Engineer, of utilities not shown on the plans, or visible or not identified by markers will be made at no cost to the Contractor except that traffic structures, light poles, etc., that are normally located within the construction limits will not be adjusted unless required by the proposed improvement.

The Contractor may make arrangements for adjustment of utilities outside the limits of proposed construction as defined above provided the Contractor furnishes the Department with a signed agreement with the utility owner covering the adjustments to be made. The cost of any adjustments made outside the limits of proposed construction as defined above shall be the responsibility of the Contractor unless otherwise provided for.

It is understood and agreed that the Contractor has considered in his bid all of the permanent and temporary utility appurtenances in their present or relocated positions and that no additional compensation will be allowed for any delays, inconvenience, or damage sustained by him due to any interference from the said utility appurtenances or the operation of moving them either by the utility company or by him; or on account of any special construction methods required in prosecuting his work due to the existence of said appurtenances either in their present or relocated positions."